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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAPE TOWN 1016

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDEV, SF, WA

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: DRAFT MESSAGE FOR SOUTH AFRICA

REF: USUN 2024, CAPE TOWN 1011, USUN 2049,

1. IN RESPONDING TO VORSTER, SHOULD HE SEEK REASSURANCE THAT THE PROPOSAL IS "FINAL AND DEFINITIVE," WE AGREE COMPLETELY WITH THE CG THAT WE SHOULD AVOID USE OF THOSE TERMS. THIS IS A BASIC ISSUE TO THE SOUTH AFRICANS AND A TRICKY ONE FOR THE FIVE, PARTICULARLY SINCE IN OUR MESSAGE TO THE SAG ON MARCH 30 WE REFERRED TO OUR PROPOSAL AS "DEFINITIVE" (USUN 1048 AND 1091).
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2. USUN 2049 SUGGESTS THE CAPE TOWN FIVE DRAW ON THE LANGUAGE USED IN THE PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH OF THE MESSAGE TO THE FRONT LINE STATES (PARA 12, USUN 901). WE BELIEVE IT BEST TO AVOID SAYING, AS THAT PARAGRAPH DOES, THAT WE DO NOT DESCRIBE OUR PROPOSAL AS "FINAL" BECAUSE NEGOTIATORS CANNOT BE SO CATEGORIC. THAT IS TOO CLOSE TO SAYING: NO, WE DO NOT CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL

FINAL. WE DO THINK, HOWEVER, A RESPONSE LIMITED TO SOMETHING
ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES COULD BE USED: "IN THE MESSAGE WE HAVE
JUST GIVEN YOU, WE STATE THAT THE PROPOSAL OF MARCH 30 CONTINUES
TO REPRESENT IN OUR EYES THE ONLY PRACTICAL SOLUTION TO THE
PROBLEM. AT THIS POINT, WE CAN THINK OF ONLY ONE CIRCUMSTANCE
IN WHICH WE WOULD CONTEMPLATE AMENDMENTS: THAT IS, ONLY WHEN IT
WOULD MAKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SUCCESS AND FAILURE."

3. THIS POSSIBLE APPROACH HAS NOT YET BEEN DISCUSSED WITH OUR
COLLEAGUES OF THE CAPE TOWN FIVE.
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